

Did Jesus speak the truth then when he said, "They shall never perish?" Certainly, it is impossible to be lost; impossible to be plucked out of His hand, just so long as we have any desire to have his abiding presence but when we deliberately turn away from His fellowship and choose to sin, and continue in that course, notwithstanding he manifests his presence by the Holy Spirit according to the abundance of his mercy, by and by, we will have exchanged eternal life for eternal death. Yes, it is God's will that we should have this eternal life, but he will not force his will upon any one. God pleads with his own people who have departed from his ways and begs them to return.

"Why will ye die?" It is impossible to die that eternal death so long as we will to live. God can do no more. Read Matt. 23: 37, 38. Jesus did not say "ye could not," but "ye would not." No one needs to die that eternal death who wishes to have eternal life, and no one can have that eternal life who chooses to die.

Work for Thee

All can not charge or lead the van,
All can be brave and true;
And where the Captain's standards wave,
There's work for all to do;
And work from which thou mayst not flee,
Which must be done, and done by thee.

—Selected.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

RELIGION IN THE HOME

Lesson: Deut. 6:6-9; Ps. 78:1-8.

I. How it should be practiced.

1. In a right life before the children and the other parent, Col. 3:1.
2. In family worship, Job 1:4, 5.
3. In instructing the children in the way of the Lord and the doctrines of the Bible, Deut. 11:19, 20; Prov. 22:6. a. Why is it some people never teach their children religion or doctrine?
4. In praying for and with the other members.
5. In considering children a gift of God to be trained for Him, Ps. 127:3.

II. Results of Religion in the Home.

1. Strengthening of the bond of wedlock. a. There is no cure for divorce like religion. b. How can a home be "a foretaste of heaven" without religion?
2. Makes the government of the children easier.
3. Helps us to be patient in trials.
4. Fits children to be men and women indeed by giving them a solid foundation of character.
5. Prepares them to do life's work "as unto God."
6. Makes parents willing to have their children anything for Christ, even preachers, or missionaries, I Sam. 1:9-11.

J. L. GILLIN.

The Mission Field

GENERAL

Washington Church Building Fund

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Eld. J. K. Leedy, Tom's Brook, Va.,	\$ 5 00
Enon church, Waterloo, Ia, per E. Hoover,	7 75
L. W. Peckinpugh, Oakville, Ind.,	1 00
T. J. Holsinger, wife & daughter, Oakville, Ind.,	3 00
Geo. Hoover, Oakville, Ind.,	1 00
Mary A. Snyder, Glover's Gap, W. Va.,	5 00
A sister, Miamisburg, Ohio,	5 00
A brother, South Bend, Ind.,	2 00

Josephine Heiney, Mt. Etna, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. L. L. Tombaugh, Washington, Pa., per J. C. C.,	1 00
A friend in Nebraska,	1 00
Mrs. E. A. Early, Nappanee, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Leslie, " "	1 00
Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	2 00
John Moomaw, Lyndon, Ohio,	5 00
Susie A. Kline, Hagerstown, Md.,	5 00
Miss Vina Snyder, Canton, O.,	5 00
Miss Amanda Snyder, Canton, O.,	2 00
Mrs. H. J. Frantz, Pasadena, Cal.,	5 00
Maude A. Wingard, Flora, Ind.,	2 00
Hugo Paul Wise, Middlebranch, O.,	1 00
Poney Creek, Brethren S. S., Morrill, Kans.,	2 50
Rev. P. W. Wisman, St. Luke, Va.,	5 00
Oakville, Ind., S S. class of little girls,	75
Phila. S S. C. E., per Mrs. I. D. Bowman,	5 10
Blanche Dague, Hastings, Neb.,	1 00
Mrs. Mollie Shaver, Maurertown, Va.,	1 00
E. R. Stockey, Syracuse, Ind., S S. collection,	1 75
Mr. & Mrs. W. O. B. Davis, Ruble, Pa.,	5 00
J. G. Nininger, Nokesville, Va.,	10 00
Mrs. M. J. Schrock, Goshen, Ind.,	1 00
Mary M. Huyett, Funkstown, Md.,	10 00
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	2 00
M. Alice Leonard, North Ontario, Cal.,	5 00
Laura Slotter, " " "	5 00
Leah Sprinkle, Sterling, Ill.,	5 00
Sarah Griffith, Chadville, Pa.,	5 00
J. D. Gans, " "	5 00
Emma R. Hall, Dayton, Va.,	1 00
A brother, Fairplay, Md.,	5 00
In His Name, Meyersdale, Pa.,	1 00
Miss Georgie Firestone, Daleville, Va.,	1 00
Alma Leslie, Laporte, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. Guilford Leslie, Laporte, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. L. L. Tombaugh, Washington, Pa.,	1 00
Mr & Mrs. E. L. Kilhefner, Ashland, O.,	1 00
Annie C. Keys, Baltimore, Md.,	1 00
Miss Cora Snyder's S. S. class, Enon, Iowa,	7 75
Mr. & Mrs. Clarissa Mast, Nappanee, Ind.,	3 00
S. Keyser, Bryan, Ohio,	1 00
An EVANGELIST reader,	1 00
Three sisters, Atkinson's Mills, Pa.,	1 50
Mr. & Mrs. P. Pontius,	2 00

Total to Oct. 25, 1899, \$ 162 10

The above amount is in the hands of Eld. David Augustine, the treasurer of the Missionary Board of the Brethren church, for safe keeping until a sufficient amount is raised to justify the Board to undertake the building of the proposed church.

In addition to the above there is subscribed \$526.03 making a total of \$688.13 paid and subscribed.

It is the desire of the Board to have the pledges paid as early as convenient so as to increase the available nucleus that others may be encouraged to subscribe.

When pledges are of long standing they almost cease to be an obligation, and besides that in the lapse of time some die, and others meet with adverse circumstances so that they are not able to pay; and still others leave the church, and with that they naturally think that their obligation ceases, tho such is not the case. An obligation remains an obligation until it is met.

It may not be necessary to state that at last National conference the entire responsibility of the Washington church building fund, was committed to the General Mission Board of the church. Contributors will therefore kindly make their remittances to the secretary so that correct accounts can be kept and proper reports made.

My address is No. 915 Arch St., Phila., Pa. A letter addressed to me with only Philadelphia on, without the useless prefix of Rev. or Eld., will reach me all right. The P. O. officials know me as a business man but not as a preacher.

Let the remittances and pledges continue to come in, so that the probability of the Washington city church building may continually become less remote.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Wooster, Ohio

Eld. J. C. Cassel. Dear brother:—Find enclosed \$6.60 towards building the Washington church. This is from the Zion Hill church. I wish we had a great deal more to send you. I am sure it would afford me great pleasure if I had. As I am very anxious to see the Brethren have a church house of their own to worship in in Washington. When Sister Detwiler was here this summer and organized a Sisters' Society, she requested that every sister try to earn an extra dollar for the Washington church, but it seems that the majority of them did not feel like doing so. I took in washing and earned mine, and the rest we gathered up from every one we could. We have no church of our own at Zion Hill to worship in, but hope and trust the day may speedily come when we may have, as it has been a great disadvantage to us as a church. We worship in a Union church. MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL.
93 East North St., Wooster, Ohio.

ZION HILL CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Schlossnagel, \$1 00; Anna V. Klopfenstein, 50 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Amstutz, 30 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Dora Stair, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Steine, each 25 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moine, Mr. and Mrs. Reube King, Mr. and Mrs. Reube Winter, Samuel Flickinger, Mr. and Mrs. William Funk, Hattie and Norman Bair, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Beery, Mrs. Collins, each 20 cents; Mrs. J. Halter, Edith Steiner, Harve Steiner, Noah King, Norman Chaffin, Ike Winter, Sarah Turney, Charley Hessler, H. E. Freedlander, Ida Paul, Mrs. Sam Garver, Ward B. Schlossnagel, Maggie Sanser, Nellie McConnel, Gust Humsicker, Luther Payne, Kate Collins, Maud Reed, Walter Blandford, Alice Brennehan, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Base, Jennie Collins, each 10 cents. Total, \$6 60.

Missionary Zeal

Among the supporters of our Missions there is probably no one more intensely interested in their success than dear brother A. J. Hixon. Though himself a missionary, at a small income yet he every now and then contributes toward the general mission work; not only that but he also inspires others to do the same, as I have just received a contribution from the Fairview church, Kansas, thru the efforts of sister Bertha Ulrich. This is greatly appreciated. Other district Evangelists will do well to follow Brother Hixon's example.

J. C. CASSEL, Sec. M. B.

Chicago Mission

After attending our Illiokota District Conference I went to Udell, Iowa, and preached two weeks and closed the meeting with a love feast. Many features of the meetings at Udell we enjoyed very much, but there, as in some other places, it makes us sad to think that on the part of some there is a lack of "love that bears all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." I Cor. 13. We have some good, steadfast brethren and sisters here, who have born the heat and storm for the cause, and have suffered and will suffer for the kingdom of God. May God bless them and give them daily an unction from on high. Brethren, it some times comes to me as a peculiar experience, that now all my work from one end of the year to another is practically in small mission classes and broken down churches. Pray for me and meditate on these things. I have had many